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June 24, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM FIRST 5 LOS ANGELES FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH SURVEY**

This is to notify you that I am exercising delegated authority approved by your Board on May 14, 2013, to accept and implement a forthcoming Grant Award (GA) from First 5 Los Angeles (First 5 LA), to conduct the Los Angeles County Health Survey (LACHS) for the anticipated period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, at an amount to be determined by First 5 LA, estimated not to exceed \$996,000, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

Under this authority, I will accept and execute First 5 LA Contract Number 07509 in the amount of \$697,081 for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 to support the LACHS. This funding will allow the Department of Public Health to continue efforts to gather data on a broad range of public health issues, including access to care (e.g., insurance status, regular source of care, cost as barrier), utilization of preventive health services (e.g., mammography, Pap testing), health behaviors (e.g., fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity, smoking, alcohol use), and demographic factors that are underlying determinants of health (e.g., race/ethnicity, income, education) in Los Angeles County.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Contract Number 07509 as to use and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated in this contract include provisions requiring the County to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless First 5 LA for all claims and losses related to this contract. These provisions also require that First 5 LA, in the event of such litigation related to indemnification, be given sole discretion to choose the legal counsel which the County will employ and compensate to handle that litigation. These are standard requirements from First 5 LA and cannot be waived or modified. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for these services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors